

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I

REF: STATE 149019

1. ON JULY 30, AMBASSADOR, DCM AND FFPO RUSSELL MET WITH LOURENCO MUTAKA OF MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO DISCUSS MOZAMBIQUE'S FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND U.S. FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. DURING DISCUSSION, WE ENQUIRED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING FOOD UNDER TITLE I, NOTING THAT RICE WAS AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM BUT NOT TITLE II. RUSSELL EXPLAINED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OUR CONCESSIONAL SALES PROGRAM.

2. MUTAKA DISCERNED QUICKLY THE ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM, SAID HE THOUGHT THE OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING RICE WOULD INDEED BE INTERESTED. HE SEEMED TO BE IMPRESSED BY FACT THAT TANZANIA IS EXPANDING ITS PURCHASE OF TITLE I COMMODITIES. MUTAKA ASKED IF WE COULD SEND HIM INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR HIS MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHICH WE AGREED TO DO.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER. WE DO KNOW THAT THE GPRM HAS AN URGENT NEED FOR 30,000 M/T OF RICE BEFORE THE NEXT HARVEST. THEY WILL LOOK  
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FOR THE BEST TERMS POSSIBLE WHEN DEALING WITH SOURCES, AND TITLE I MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER THE MOST FAVORABLE TERMS FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS.

4. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED IF GPRM INDICATES AN INTEREST IN A TITLE I PROGRAM. DE PREE

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